



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5243

LCO No. 841

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF MERCURY IN DENTISTRY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 22a-616 of the 2012 supplement
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in
3 lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

4 (d) On and after [July 1, 2003] January 1, 2013, no vocational dental
5 education or training school shall use mercury amalgam_ [unless such
6 school has developed and implemented a plan approved by the
7 commissioner that assures best management practices are used to
8 prevent discharge of mercury into the waters of the state, any pollution
9 abatement facility or subsurface sewage disposal system, and to
10 properly handle and recycle or dispose of waste elemental mercury
11 and amalgam. Such plan shall provide for an education program for
12 students regarding the hazards of mercury and best management
13 practices.]

14 Sec. 2. Section 22a-622 of the general statutes is repealed and the
15 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

16 No person shall offer for sale, distribute for promotional purposes
17 or provide elemental mercury to a dental practitioner. [without
18 providing a Material Safety Data Sheet, as defined in 42 USC 11049.]
19 On and after [July 1, 2003, such] January 1, 2013, a dental practitioner
20 shall not [(1)] use [the] mercury [only] for dental purposes. [; (2) store,
21 use and otherwise handle exposure to such mercury in accordance
22 with the accepted guidelines of the American Dental Association, state
23 and federal law and any applicable best management practices
24 adopted by the state; and (3) dispose of the elemental mercury in
25 accordance with state and federal law.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2012	22a-616(d)
Sec. 2	October 1, 2012	22a-622

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Sec. 2	October 1, 2012	22a-622

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit the use of mercury amalgam in dental fillings.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]